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99 CENT TAX RATE; NEW GARBAGE COLLECTION, OIL WELL LICENSE FEES LOOM

A tax rate increase of six cents per \$100 assessed valuation and levying of three new types of license fees which will hit the pocket books of everyone in Torrance, loom for the fiscal year 1946-47 as the City Council is seeking means of balancing the budget in the face of increased labor and material costs.

The tax rate of 99 cents per \$100 was set Monday night, a gain of six cents over the 93 cents of last year.

The total tax rate fixed by the City Council Monday night is \$1.17 per \$100 assessed valuation, with 99 cents for general fund; .01 in the advertising fund; .01 in the promotion fund; .04 for library fund; .02 for city hall and jail bonds, and .01 for Civic auditorium bonds.

The assessed valuation is fixed at \$26,722,185, with \$16,420,170 in tax district No. 1 and \$10,301,993 in tax district No. 2.

Municipal Improvement District No. 1, the water department, will have a tax of 25 cents, the same as last year.

Under consideration at this time to increase revenues to a point where costs can be met are three new levies:

1. A license tax for business and industry, based upon the number of persons employed. This is calculated to raise an additional \$25,000 in revenue.

2. A garbage collection fee from households, probably 50 cents per month, which would raise some \$22,000.

3. A levy on oil wells which would raise about \$13,500.

Even with these new assessments and licenses, the budget is far from being balanced, officials declared.

At a hearing Friday night, at (Continued on Page 5)

Friday Night Dances Rapped By Residents

Friday night dances in the Civic auditorium will be discontinued unless crowds are more orderly, under a decision of the City Council Monday night.

Residents along El Prado complained of "foreign elements" at the dances, and the police department was authorized to hold over officers for this week to see if the situation can be remedied. Failing this week, it was said, the permit to use the auditorium for the dances will be cancelled.

J. S. Morgan, spokesman for the group, invited the councilmen up to his house and witness what goes on in cars and in the park.

HAROLD GANSEREIT

Harold C. Gansereit, MoMM 3/c, son of Mrs. Ruth E. Gansereit, 1315 W. 225th st., was discharged from the Navy Friday at San Pedro. The 19-year-old seaman, who was enrolled at Torrance high school prior to his enlistment in 1944, was with the occupation forces in Japan and served 14 months overseas. He plans to enter the Merchant Marine service following a brief rest here.



ARNOLD CARLSON Receives Guide Dog

Arnold Carlson Given Guide Dog By Moose Group

Arnold Carlson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carlson, of 1723 Andro avenue, is the possessor of a guide dog thanks to the assistance of the Women of the Moose, through Mrs. Elsie Smith, past regent.

The animal was secured through the Braille Institute of America and was trained in Burbank by Capt. L. A. Kreller. The captain was the first to train dogs in France, in 1916, and has had more than 25 years continuous experience in the work, Mrs. Smith said. Carlson was blinded five years ago by a brain tumor. The father of two children, he spends a great deal of time making handbags, wallets, belts and hand-woven rugs, Mrs. Smith said. He now resides in Oxyden, Utah, but is well known in Torrance.

Many things enter into the training of guide dogs, according to Mrs. Smith. They include testing and training, and then a period of training with the new masters.

Runaway Child Bride And Spouse Found In Torrance

A 12-year-old child bride, Joyce Dice, was detained at Torrance police station Sunday and later released to juvenile authorities while sheriff's deputies booked her 34-year-old companion, Stanley G. Fernandez, on suspicion of a statutory offense.

Authorities said the girl was a runaway from her Boise, Idaho, home, and had married Fernandez, a bartender, in Lordsburg, N. M. The couple were living in Torrance when arrested, it was learned. Mrs. Wilma Dice, stepmother of the child, arrived in Los Angeles Tuesday to take her stepdaughter back to Boise, it was said.

LOS ANGELES, M.W.D. FAIL TO HEED APPEAL OF LOMITA FOR WATER AS COUNTY WELL FAILS

With nearby Los Angeles city and Metropolitan Water District lines running flush with good, clear water, some 1701 consumers of the County Water District No. 13 well, which collapsed recently, were on "restricted" allowances yesterday with supply depleted to a point where business houses and residences were forced in some instances to resort to the "bucket brigade" for essential needs.

The well which collapsed was of a production of 700 gallons of water a minute. The county's second well, pumping 1000 gallons per minute, has proved insufficient, residents said, and the district has only the two wells.

After being on restricted rations for several days, no water being available for use on lawns or gardens, customers' supply was cut off on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and no water was available between the hours of 8:30 and 9 p.m.

County water district engineers told the newspapers: That an effort had been made to tap the Los Angeles city water supply on an emergency basis, but that the Los Angeles water commission had refused up to yesterday to comply with requests.

Likewise, efforts to secure emergency Metropolitan Water District supply have failed, county officials said.

Southern California Water Co. was reported to be willing to meet the emergency with a supply from a nearby well, but county officials said they had decided not to accept this supply if a source of better water could be obtained. They reported Narbonne Water Co. supply insufficient to meet the needs.

County water district engineers reported that the 1701 customers of the county well apparently were the victims of a "squeeze play" to force membership in the MWD or annexation to Los Angeles to overcome the water shortage problem brought about by collapse of the old well, which was bought from private owners by the county district many years ago.

At a late hour yesterday, it was anticipated that measures might be taken to assure water supply to the people of the district by enforced tapping of the lines of either the Los Angeles city or MWD in order to overcome the emergency phases of the Lomita problem.

Meanwhile, the county has let a contract to the Barber Bridge Co. to drill a new water well for District No. 13, but the contractor has not had equipment to spare to carry out the contract, it was reported.

Affiliation of Torrance with the districts making up the Centinela-Bay Cities junior college district will create the wealthiest junior college district in California, with a total assessed valuation of \$125,000,000. The college will be built in the center of the district, it is said.

HOSPITAL ZONE

According to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting recommended to the Road Department and to the Automobile Club of Southern California that "hospital zone" signs be placed on Carson st. on each side of the main entrance to the new Harbor General hospital.

RETURNS TO NEW YORK

Mrs. Sophie Kaplan, mother of Charles Kaplan, 1562 W. 203rd St., returned to her home in New York following a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. Kaplan. Mrs. Kaplan was entertained during her summer visit with many social events which highlighted her stay.

Control of Schools To Pass to Torrance People In Two-to-One Victory

Charter Group Asked To Remain On School Job

Members of the Torrance Charter Committee, appointed by Mayor J. Hugh Sherley Jr. to draft the charter for submission to the people at Tuesday's election, will be asked to continue their interest in the school question until the election of the Torrance Board of Education, and to stand for election to the board, according to popular opinion in Torrance.

The members are Howard A. Wood, chairman; James L. Lynch, vice chairman; Mrs. Mina Shidler, secretary; Carl Steele, co-treasurer; and Mrs. Mark Wright, co-treasurer, a former school teacher.

Members of the committee issued statements thanking the people of Torrance for their expression at the polls in favor of Torrance control of Torrance schools.

Dr. Wood, chairman of the committee, said: "On behalf of the Charter Committee, I wish to express our gratification over the outcome of the charter vote. Most of the precincts showed themselves strongly in favor of the movement to secure for Torrance the control of the schools of Torrance. The adverse vote of outlying districts is understandable from consideration of their special problems. We are sure, however, that as time goes on we will develop a school system of which they will be proud to be a part and which will have their full support. They may feel assured that the free expression of their opinion at the polls will in no way deter efforts to see that each section of Torrance has the best school facilities that money can provide.

The committee also wishes to express its appreciation for the generous and willing response of many of the Torrance citizens in carrying out a successful campaign, and for the news space so generously provided by the Torrance Herald."

Lynch was high in his praise of members of the Torrance Parents Association which originated the campaign to take over the local schools from Los Angeles some two years ago. Mrs. Evelyn Carr is chairman.

"The Torrance Charter Committee congratulates the people of Torrance on their decision as demonstrated at the polls on Tuesday, to take over the school system of Torrance from Los Angeles.

"Truly a new day is dawning for the children of our community. Let us now move forward to a new and greater city of Torrance."

"The Charter Committee (Continued on Page 4)

Torrance entered a new era of progress Tuesday when 1371 voters went to the polls and registered an overwhelming "Yes" on the question of the adoption of the City Charter by which Torrance takes over control of its own schools—ending some 17 years of controversy with Los Angeles City School district and its agents who have had jurisdiction over Torrance schools since founding of the city.

City Employees Vote In Favor Of Retirement Plan

Torrance city employees again have registered their desire to participate in the State Employees' Retirement Fund, according to a report to the City Council last night.

In the recent poll of municipal workers, 121 of 148 employees voted, and there were 107 in favor of the retirement plan and 14 against.

The police department and the fire department members voted unanimously in favor of the retirement plan. Five of the remaining employees was 3 "yes" and 14 "no."

The matter will be considered at a meeting of the council on Aug. 27, at which time decision as to the method of placing the retirement plan in operation will be made, officials said.

FLIGHT FROM CITY TO SANTA MONICA MADE BY TOLSON

Flying from Torrance Field, the new Community Airports, Inc. facility in North Torrance, William H. Tolson represented the City of Torrance at a luncheon in Santa Monica with Governor Warren.

As acting mayor, Tolson met with the governor and mayors of 18 California cities discussing future municipal problems.

Petitions In Circulation Protesting Installation Of Parking Meters Here

Petitions were on the streets of Torrance on Tuesday in protest of the recent action of the City Council in ordering 200 (more or less) dual coin parking meters for installation in the Torrance retail district.

Circulating the petitions were members of the parking committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, of which Bob Haggard is chairman.

The parking committee recently recommended against the installation of parking meters in Torrance because they are "a detriment rather than an asset in the promotion of retail sales and not a solution to parking needs." This recommendation was made after a survey of the merchants in the central district, made by the chamber committee.

The petition, signed by scores of Torrance business men and other citizens, reads:

"We, the undersigned businessmen, residents and/or voters in the City of Torrance, respectfully request that the City Council postpone the installation of parking meters recently ordered, and we are opposed to their installation for the following reasons:

1. That they will be detrimental to business.
 2. We should not have to pay "rent" for our city streets.
 3. There is no parking problem other than on Sartori ave.
 4. Strict enforcement of time limits for parking will eliminate any and all parking problems.
- "We urge that you call a special meeting for the purpose of public discussion of this matter and that at such time the report and recommendations of the special committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce regarding parking be considered."

Haggard said that should the council refuse to cancel the order for parking meters on the petition of the merchants, referendum petitions will be circulated calling for an expression of the people on the issue at the polls.

The parking meters were ordered from the Pacific Union Marbleite Co. to be paid for out of revenue, 75 percent going to the company and 25 percent to the city until paid. Members of the council ordering them are G (Continued on Page 7)

Torrance 'Hub Of Basic Industry' In So. California, Says Sales Brochure

The name of Torrance as "the hub of basic industries in Southern California" is being spread throughout the United States by the Ivan A. Thomson Organization of Los Angeles in a campaign to attract industry to the Harbor Industrial Tract recently purchased by Merlyn Teskey, of Teskey Transportation Co., from the Dominguez Land Co.

In a carefully developed brochure, the sales organization describes the Harbor Industrial Tract at 190th st. and Western ave. in relation to the other industries of Torrance, with illustrations carried of General Petroleum Corp., Pacific Electric Co., Columbia Steel Co. Harvey Engineering Co., Stauffer Chemical Co., Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., U. S. Rubber Co., Dow Chemical Co., mentioning also National Supply Co., Torrance Brass Foundry, Doak Aircraft Co., Shell Chemical Co., Longren Aircraft Co., International Derrick & Equipment Co., Rubbercraft Corp. and other industries. Location of the site in relation to two airports of Torrance, the Lomita Flight Strip which Torrance is seeking to take over as a municipal airport and the Torrance field of Community Airports, Inc., also is indicated.

The tract has a frontage of 4,040 feet on Western ave., south from 190th st., and 2,640 feet on 190th st., west to Arlington. The south boundary is approximately 203rd st.

Divided into tracts of from five acres to 100 acres, the land contains 238 acres and will contain 80-foot streets and spur tracks of the Santa Fe railroad. William H. Tolson is Torrance agent for the tract.

The zoning of the tract was changed Monday night by ordinance of the City Council from agricultural to heavy industrial.

Vote Cast By Precincts In Torrance Municipal Election Tuesday

Precinct	18002 Franklin		2563 El Dorado		716 Border ave.		1723 Andro		1332 Englewood		2305 Torrance Blvd.		1317 Beech ave.		1804 Arlington		2417 Andro		23720 Narbonne		2463 W. Carson		22804 Ocean ave.		906 Cota ave.		1417 Cota Ave.		1916 Andro ave.		22404 Hawthorne		1507 Portol ave.		Total			
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No						
Charter	27	112	89	43	51	17	106	61	91	19	57	119	45	126	43	85	40	59	51	89	18	41	68	61	26	120	41	63	34	52	61	95	33	1357	751			
Prop. No. 1	19	115	63	60	25	31	49	95	47	60	57	91	57	98	49	104	46	73	54	57	39	60	28	71	31	46	95	26	67	51	41	46	70	730	1236			
Trunk Sewers																																						
Prop. No. 2	13	120	47	71	24	31	55	87	46	58	51	93	54	103	49	101	46	72	40	69	45	50	24	76	33	47	41	101	25	68	26	60	45	69	664	1275		
Storm Drains																																						
Prop. No. 3	13	120	52	65	34	28	80	71	60	44	68	84	95	95	64	89	63	53	37	70	47	51	29	71	44	38	67	81	36	56	27	60	58	59	844	1135		
Fire Station																																						
Prop. No. 4	10	122	51	71	27	31	62	82	48	54	58	91	49	104	50	101	53	67	30	75	37	57	25	70	31	49	56	94	24	69	21	64	43	73	675	1275		
Police Court																																						
Prop. No. 5	12	122	48	71	32	28	50	90	50	51	69	90	51	107	53	102	50	67	37	70	42	54	20	78	34	45	43	100	23	70	23	63	52	66	679	1274		
Streets																																						
Prop. No. 6	11	121	66	67	38	26	64	83	56	52	68	84	61	97	67	88	58	63	37	70	56	43	30	70	45	38	49	97	29	67	31	53	52	65	819	1177		
Recreation																																						
Prop. No. 7	19	121	53	62	35	22	60	77	59	45	69	94	63	98	56	98	60	58	39	68	55	42	31	68	40	41	63	81	35	57	49	41	54	66	839	1134		
Water Main																																						
Total Vote Cast	2,155—40%																																					

Torrance Weather Record

Official U. S. Weather Bureau TEMPERATURE		
AUGUST	Maximum	Minimum
14	76	57
15	75	59
16	77	58
17	78	57
18	76	57
19	81	60
20	77	60

PRECIPITATION Total (Year) 5.39